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## BOOK REVIEWS.

*Law of Negligence.* By Thomas G. Shearman and Amasa A. Redfield of the New York Bar. Two volumes. Sheep, pages clxxxiv, 1427. Baker, Voorhis & Company, New York. 1898.

This treatise, first published over thirty years ago, has now reached its fifth edition. During that time it has been constantly in use by lawyers and continually cited by judges. Much of its success is due to the independent manner in which its writers have treated decisions even of the most authoritative courts. This feature has been continued, perhaps emphasized, in the present edition. Although 16,000 cases have received 40,000 citations, the text is logically arranged and written, and the foot notes furnish illustrations rather than exhaustive collections of authorities. The new edition has been substantially rewritten.

The authors take strong grounds of opposition to the Fellow Servant doctrine, and advocate its abolition by the legislature. The English Employers' Liability Act, and analogous acts in the States, are given at the conclusion of that chapter.

*Law of Negotiable Instruments.* Edited by Ernest W. Huffcut, Professor of Law in Cornell University College of Law. Law canvas, pages xvi, 700. Baker, Voorhis & Company, New York. 1898.

The Negotiable Instrument Law is the most important statute passed in recent years. Embodying as it does with slight variations the common law on the subject, it is eagerly turned to by students and instructors as a concise statement of the law. By that very virtue, however, it loses somewhat. Bereft entirely of the facts to which it is to be applied, it is to the student unintelligible in great measure. Professor Huffcut has taken this law as the basis of a text-book for students, illustrating and expanding it by carefully-collected and well trimmed cases. While an argument from an illustration is a dangerous method of reasoning, yet a background of facts must be had in order to apply intelligently any principle to new facts. Also, its application can be best explained by a judge who has either created the rule or himself applied it. Working on this theory Professor Huffcut has produced a model text-book.

To the practicing lawyer the book must prove of service in aiding in the construction of the statute. One chapter is devoted to the History of the Law Merchant and of Negotiable Instruments.

*The Science of Law and Law Making.* By R. Floyd Clarke of the New York Bar. Cloth, pages xvi, 473. The MacMillan Company, New York. 1898.

Mr. Clarke has written this book with two objects in view: "To